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We are what we are in large measure, because of our inheritance from other nations and other lands. It is a poor expression of our love for South Africa if we seek to cut it off from what other nations have given us. It is a poor expression of our gratitude, if in self-love we seek to draw ourselves within the limits of our isolation. Nationalism is a natural creed, a right creed - but without Internationalism to supplement it, it is a barren creed - like a room where mirrors take the place of windows, and therefore without the invigoration which comes with the admission of God's wide, free air. The true test of a nation's greatness is the willingness and the effectiveness of its contribution to the common stock of humanity. When one speaks of the common task of the South African nation, let us not forget that. It is by working together for South Africa that we shall build up true national unity in South Africa - the unity which transcends diversity - the unity based on a common love for South Africa, assimilating to herself, and thus making akin to one another, all who devote themselves to her service.